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Application of :  
Hiroyuki WATANABE et al. :  
Appln. No. 09/864,959 : Art Unit - 1751  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FORMING PART OF  
RULE 114 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114, applicants preliminarily  
amend their application as follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

No additional fees are believed required in  
connection with this amendment; however, should it be  
determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to  
charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

**MAILING CERTIFICATE ON PAGE 17**